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Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award 2011 Announced Jennifer Longley

Halifax, NS - Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is pleased to announce that Ms. Jennifer Longley from Kentville, Nova Scotia, has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Lieutenant Governor's *Faith in Action Award*. Ms. Longley will receive her award at AST convocation, which takes place on Saturday, April 30, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Benedict Catholic Church, 45 Radcliffe Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Longley works extensively in her community to bring support to persons coping with bereavement and is actively involved in three distinct, yet related organizations: Friends in Bereavement, a support group she founded some 18 years ago, VON palliative care, and Caregivers Nova Scotia, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing recognition and practical support to friends and family who are giving care. Ms. Longley started her original support group in Kentville and has added others in Middleton/Bridgetown and Berwick, in response to needs in those communities. She accepts referrals of people across two counties (Kings and Annapolis), and works diligently to welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. Referrals come from the VON, pastors, mental health professionals, and friends. Beyond her support groups, she quietly visits people in their homes, generously offering practical support in times of trouble. Her quiet caring presence touches people's hearts, and her calm encouragement sustains them for years after they no longer feel the need for regular group attendance. Ms. Longley is an active member of Wolfville Baptist Church and has a Masters of Divinity from Acadia Divinity College. Her personal faith reflects in everything she does, and her ministry has made a lasting impact on the community she serves. Jennifer Longley truly lives her faith in action every day.

The Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award honours exceptional community outreach and continues Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis's deep commitment to community development. Recipients are selected by a committee that includes representatives from AST and the Nova Scotia Interfaith Council. The award is presented annually during AST's convocation ceremony.

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